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 HAPPINESS
 to you &
 YOUR FAMILY.



Merry Christmas!
 ICC Office of
 Community Relations

N T S

Dear Alumni and Foundation Members,



It is a privilege to share Itawamba Community College with you through the pages of this winter issue of the Foundation/Alumni magazine.

In a few weeks, 2014 will become 2015, and we reflect with pride on the accomplishments of ICC and its family. Perhaps among the most significant is the College's selection once again this year as one of the Top 150 community colleges in the nation by the Aspen Institute College Excellence Program. This signature recognition of high achievement and performance solidifies ICC's reputation as a premier community college.

Many of our alumni "came home" to ICC, October 25, and experienced Homecoming 2014 through reunions and an extensive schedule of special events. Several of those individuals, who hadn't visited the College in several years, were amazed at today's ICC.

Our ICC family takes great pride in our alumni and it is our privilege to share in their success. We urge you to either reconnect with the College or maintain your connection through the Alumni Association.

In addition, in order to maintain quality programs and services, the College depends upon support from legislative appropriations, county millage, community partners, and private contributions. The Foundation offers an array of opportunities for you to assist us in ensuring that the College retains its premier status, including, but not limited to, planned giving; annuities; the sponsorship of walks, runs and bike rides; as well as the endowment of scholarships to benefit future generations.

On behalf of the entire College, I extend my deepest appreciation for your loyalty and support. Together we can create a legacy for future generations.

Mike Eaton



Merry Christmas!! Can you believe this year is almost over? I am sure that this year has gone by as fast for all of you as it has for me. This year has brought many changes to me and my family. One of the changes to our family was the graduation of my son from Itawamba Community College.

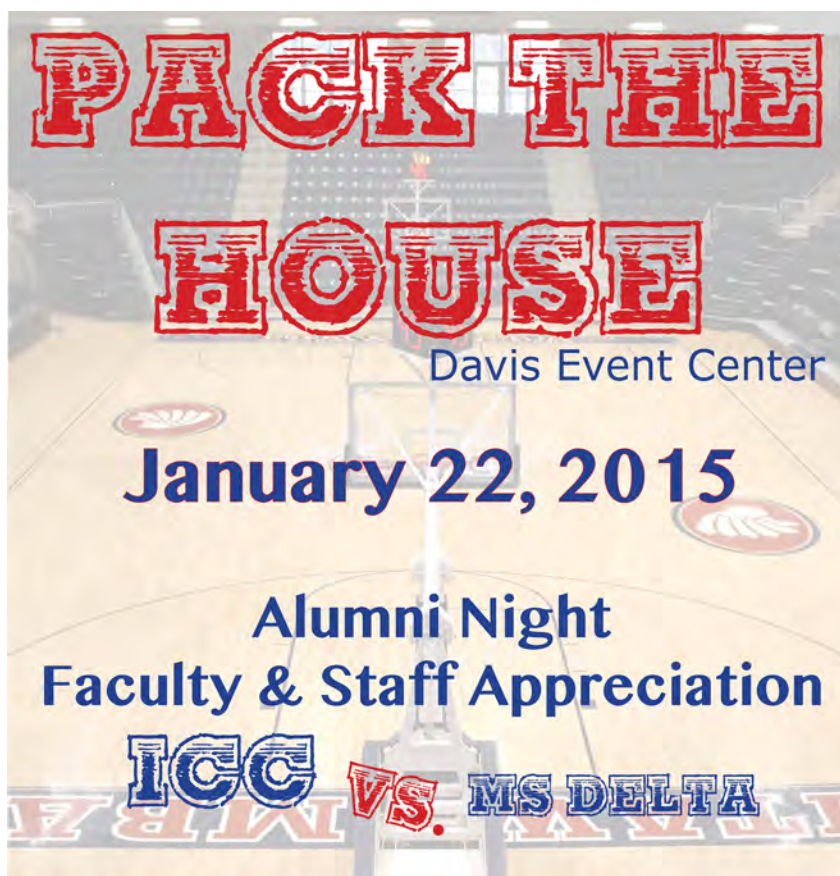
While at ICC he played baseball which gave us the opportunity to visit many of the community colleges in Mississippi. I can assure you that we have one of the most beautiful campuses of all that I visited! If you have not had a chance to return to your school since your graduation, please make plans to visit soon.

I encourage all of you to join the ICC Alumni Association. There are many benefits of membership, and there are several levels of membership available: per person, per couple, yearly, three-year or even a lifetime membership. The Alumni Association provides many opportunities for you to stay in touch with ICC via the alumni publications and special invitations to events on campus.

It is an honor to begin my service as your Alumni Association President and to spend time with other ICC graduates. If you have not joined the Alumni Association, I encourage you to join today. It is an excellent choice to add to your Christmas list! I hope to see you soon.

Monica Rowland Aldridge

President, ICC Alumni Association
2014-2016



PACK THE HOUSE
Davis Event Center
January 22, 2015
Alumni Night
Faculty & Staff Appreciation
ICC vs. MS DELTA



Robbins make ICC a family tradition

Foundation Board member Jerry Robbins of Pontotoc graduated from Itawamba Junior College in 1978.

He played baseball his freshman year, participated in intramurals and lived in a residence hall.

Fast forward to 2014.

Robbins is Division President for Renasant Bank in Pontotoc. He and his wife, Julie, have three children, Will, Hart and Ivy.

Will, who is the business development officer for Renasant Bank in Starkville, and Hart, a speech pathology major at Ole Miss, are both graduates of ICC. Ivy is in her freshman year at ICC.

Robbins said although ICC's face has changed with a senior-college look, the quality of education it offers is the same today as it was 36 years ago. "There is the same quality education, quality professors and quality administration. The only difference is the facilities and the size. The high quality of education is the constant."

Robbins said that when he transferred to Mississippi State University, all of his courses

applied toward his bachelor's degree in business with emphasis in banking and finance. "Seamless transition is huge," he noted.

Robbins also is a graduate of the Mississippi School of Banking at the University of Mississippi, the Mid-South School of Banking at the University of Memphis, Commercial Lending School at Vanderbilt and the Banking School of the South at Louisiana State University. "All you have to do now is call the university (where you plan to transfer) and the 2+2 program will ensure you're on track. ICC's students get a super great foundation."

Robbins mentioned teachers and administrators of IJC of 1978 with gratitude, including W.E. Boggs and Billy Caples. "All of the teachers are so accomplished," he said in comparing them with today's Dr. (David) Cole, Mike Eaton and Jada Mills as well as his IJC classmates, Dean Burchfield, Maria Staub and Stephanie Riley, who all became teachers at ICC. "They take your kids and treat them like they are their kids, which is a comforting feeling as a parent. They have been so good

to my children."

Robbins said that ICC's low cost is "just the icing on the cake."

Robbins has encouraged his children to be involved. Ivy is carrying on the tradition of the Robbins' membership in the Baptist Student Union, and both Will and Hart took that advice and translated it into multiple student activities. Ivy is a member of the tennis team, and Hart was captain of the ICC All-American Band dance line.

Community involvement is just as important to Jerry Robbins. He is a past president of the Pontotoc Rotary Club and the Salvation Army and currently a member of the boards of United Way and the Pontotoc Hospital. Every year just before Thanksgiving, he participates in Feeding of the 5,000 through the First Baptist Church of Pontotoc, where he serves as a deacon. He has been a member of ICC's Foundation Board since 2009.

ICC's quality education, professors and administration... the same then as now. "That's why you say to your kids, 'I want you at ICC,'" Robbins said.



Itawamba Community College knows how to throw a party.

Just ask those who have attended its annual tailgate party, which has been sponsored by the ICC Alumni Association since its inception in 2004.

The party, which continues as a way for ICC to express its appreciation to area legislators, supervisors and members of the various boards which serve the College, is scheduled each year prior to the first football game. The only exception has been in 2005 when Hurricane Katrina played havoc with the community college football schedule, and the party was postponed a couple of weeks.

Although the location has changed - it's moved from the Grove to the front of the Davis Event Center to its current site, the Cypress Pavilion - each year the tailgate party is much-anticipated.

"It's an opportunity for us to give back to our community of supporters," said President Mike Eaton. "We can enjoy good food and good company in an informal setting."

Over the years, the agenda has included such activities as face painting and pictures with Chief Winnemaw for the children, performance by the All-American Band and mini-pep rallies. There have been blood pressure screenings and special announcements. The renaming of College buildings and a football field have been celebrated. One year, SuperTalk's J.T. Show originated from there.

This year, a shiny bright red antique pickup truck marked the West Main Street teepee entrance for guests, but those who came in the back way weren't left out. A teal and white Ford pickup positioned at that entrance was decorated for the occasion as well.

Approximately 500 guests mingled with ICC's administrators, faculty, staff and students, catching up on the latest. Children posed for pictures in Indian cutouts, played cornhole, were fitted for headaddresses and danced to the music of the ICC All-American Band.

The decorations. The relaxed atmosphere. The laughter. The fun. It's true. Itawamba Community College knows how to throw a party. It's hard to top this one, but just wait 'til next year!



Homecoming 2014



Dr. Amanda Pitts Summers of Mantachie, Alumnus of the Year. Dr. Ketra Armstrong, a Tupelo native, Athletic Hall of Fame. Coach Butch Thompson, an Amory native, Athletic Hall of Fame.

Dr. Summers credited her parents, Jerry and Doris Pitts, for her decent work ethic. "I know that my life would have been different if I hadn't had the support of my family," she said. "I come from good stock. They empowered us to reach high expectations."

As the 2014 Homecoming theme, Reflect on Yesterday... Discover Tomorrow, suggested, Dr. Summers recalled her life at ICC as a series of "wow" moments...from "bullpen style" registration to serving as Miss ICC to theatrical performances to the lifelong friendships she made.

Interwoven in her story was how Jim Long, former chairman of the Natural Science Division, made a difference in her selection of a career. "Just give me your transcript," she quoted Long. "Go stand in the pre-pharmacy line." And that she did. Summers earned her associate's degree from ICC, graduated cum laude from the University of Mississippi's School of Pharmacy and completed graduate work at the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences. Today a clinical pharmacist for North Mississippi Medical Center's Outpatient Infusion Department, she also serves as a clinical assistant professor for the University of Mississippi School of Pharmacy where she precepts students in their final year of pharmacy school.

"Reflecting brings a wonderful feeling," Dr. Summers said. "I feel so unworthy because I could never pay ICC back. I'm excited about what ICC has in store."

Dr. Ketra Armstrong's

path has led her from Tupelo, where former ICC counselor and women's basketball coach Max Munn taught her physical education at Green Street School, to the University of Michigan. Her intermediate stops include the University of Southwestern Louisiana and degrees from IJC, Mississippi State University and Ohio State University. She has been a professor, freelance sport journalist, assistant athletic director and head women's basketball coach.

ICC teammate Marie Harrell Barnes described Armstrong, her roommate, as "humble, fun-loving, caring, honest, trustworthy, talented, studious, focused and a team leader with a good work ethic and good moral character."

"I haven't been here (at ICC) in 30 years," Dr. Armstrong said. "The true beauty of a space is the spirit of its inhabitants. The most beautiful part of ICC is the collective spirit."

"I stand on the shoulders of my mom and dad," she said. "I am from good stock. They empowered me not to mess it up...There is no place in the world I'd rather be than right here, right now. There are moments you feel on the inside, like a tickle in your soul, things that we don't pay attention to because we think that life will last forever. This is one of those special moments when my heart is fully alive, tickling my soul."

Like Dr. Armstrong, Butch Thompson had an early connection to ICC. Amory resident Thomas Griffith, a current member of ICC's Board of Trustees and Alumni Board, was his Little League coach.

Retired ICC head baseball coach Roy Cresap called Thompson "one of the top junior college players in the nation. As an adult, he has taken his trade in coaching

to the top. When he came to Itawamba as a freshman, I knew very little about him, but I came to admire Butch Thompson's attitude."

At the close of his ICC career, Thompson transferred to Birmingham Southern. "His numbers on the radar gun were not as impressive as some," Cresap said of Thompson, "but it was the work ethic and determination that he has applied to his career. He coaches the same way he played. I've been proud of him as a player, coach and great guy. He's a solid family man and a Christian."

That's high praise from an award-winning coach in his own right.

Thompson has picked up a few awards of his own. He was recently selected as the 2014 National Assistant Coach of the Year by both Baseball America and the American Baseball Coaches Association.

On the way to his current position as associate baseball coach at Mississippi State University, where he is entering his seventh season, Thompson has coached at Huntingdon College, Birmingham Southern, the University of Georgia and Auburn University.

The high school two-sport athlete Thompson said he had to make his first life decision when he was 17. "I found it right here," Thompson said. "It was on that field named Roy Cresap Field," where Thompson found his identity as a pitching coach. He credited both ICC and coach Cresap. "You helped me find my passion for life. It's made an indelible mark. I know we're not doctors, but a coach is special."

"This (the induction into ICC's Athletic Hall of Fame) is the most meaningful award I've received because it's home," Thompson said.

Three honorees. Three stories. One message.

REFLECT ON YESTERDAY...

Homecoming 2014 at Itawamba Community College was packed with activities beginning with an early-morning PACE Walk/Run at the Davis Event Center to benefit ICC's Foundation and ending with the final horn of the football game against Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College at Eaton Field.

There were new activities as well as the usual fare on the day's schedule.

Homecoming is about coming home, and that's what several classes, athletic teams and Indian Delegation members did.

Those who reconnected were the classes of 1950, 1954-57 and 1964; the 1974-84 women's basketball teams; the 1999 state baseball championship team; and 25 years of Indian Delegation.

And reconnect they did. 1954-57 class reunion organizer Betty Waddle Garrison of Decatur, Ala., who was a cheerleader, recalled the IJC of those days. "Everybody

knew everybody then," Garrison said. "There were no conflicts. We did a few mischievous things like going to breakfast in our pajamas."

"We had to walk wherever we went," said her classmate Joyce Alexander McGar of Pontotoc. "We couldn't ride in cars." There was a movie downtown, but they were not permitted to drive. "We had to walk to the show," echoed Sara Spigner Duncan of Marietta.

Janet Loden, also of Marietta, attended the reunion for the class of 1964. "I went to high school here, and I was very upset over the (high school) building being torn down, but I'm proud of what ICC is now. This building (David C. Cole Student Services Building, which stands on the site formerly occupied by IAHS) does it justice."

There were performances by CenterStage, the jazz band and the steel drum band; a Red, Hot and Blue cookout; a Kid Zone; pep rally; and meet the Homecoming court.

ICC's football team participated in the new Warpath Walk as hundreds of supporters waving pompons lined the sidewalk as the Indians made their way from the Student Activities Center to Eaton Field following their pre-game meal.

"Homecoming was a historic day for the College," said Vice President of Student Services Buddy Collins, who coordinated Homecoming 2014, "not only with the quality of the inductees but with the event-filled day that offered something for everyone no matter what their age."

Homecoming 2014 is history, but at the end of the day on October 25, those who came home to IJC/ICC reconnected and reflected on the college as they knew it. They also had an opportunity to glimpse ICC today and discover what it will be like tomorrow.

DISCOVER TOMORROW

Itawamba Community College presents

Bluegrass & BAR-B-QUE

19th Annual Gospel Bluegrass Concert benefiting the ICC Foundation

Saturday, February 28
Davis Event Center
Fulton, MS

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Ticket Information
General Admission: \$20 • Bar-b-que Plates \$10 • Available at www.iccms.edu/tickets
Reserved Seating: \$25 • Available at Davis Ford of Fulton 662.862.3711
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WE SALUTE



WE HONOR

Itawamba Community College honored the memory of Tupelo Police Sgt. Gale Stauffer, who played football at ICC in the 1990s and earned his Associate of Arts degree in 2010, with the presentation of his diploma and documentation of a scholarship that will be presented to a student majoring in criminal justice. President Mike Eaton and Executive Director of Community Relations Dr. Jan Reid-Bunch made the presentations to Beth, Dixie and Skip Stauffer during halftime of the Sept. 25 football game at Eaton Field.

ALUMNI MEMBERS

NEW LIFETIME MEMBERS

1950s

Rev. Robert A. Dottley ('51-'52)
William C. Hutchinson ('51-'53)
Stella Loden Renick ('56-'57, '88-'93)

1960s

Helen Cheatham Haddon ('63-'65)
Ernest L. "Ernie" McCoy, Jr. ('60-'62)
Judy Y. Reynolds ('61-'63)

1970s

James Terry Farris, Jr. ('71-'73)
Cay Lollar (attended '78-'80, employed '10 - present)
James L. "Jimmy" Pittman ('78-'80)

1980s

Dennis Howard Farris ('82-'83)

1990s

Nan Davis Mitchell ('92-'94)

2000s

William L. Davis ('99-'01)
Benjamin Miller Gibbons ('97-'00)
Jodee Nicole Gore ('07-'10)

2010s

Reagan Livingston ('12-'14)
Jamison Louis Logan ('09-'11)

NEW YEARLY MEMBERSHIPS

1950s

Guy H. Thomason ('56-'58)

1960s

Mitchell W. Wheeler ('66-'67)
Pam Haynes Wheeler ('67-'68)

1970s

Randy Phillip Boyd ('72-'74)

1980s

Suzanne Knight ('81-'83, '00-'04)
Doris Jackson McCreary ('84-'87)

1990s

Patrick C. Cox ('97-'99)
James Gregory "Greg" Jones ('90-'91)
Melissa L. Jones ('97-'99)
Emily Grace Lamb ('98-'01, '12-'14)
Patricia M. Swindoll (attended '90-'94,
employed '76-'97)
Sanford G. Tubb ('92-'94)

2000s

Ashley Oakes Briggs ('02-'04)
Tuesday Taylor Jones ('07-'09)
James Davis Lindsey ('07-'10)

Kellye Bryan Lindsey ('05-'11)

2010s

Kayla Nicole Brown ('11-'13)
Annette W. Culpepper ('11-'13)
Emily Lynn Guess ('12-'14)
Melissa J. Hood-Stanton ('09-'12)
Jeffrey Craig Jones ('12-'13)
Allison Elizabeth Kizzire ('12-'14)
Neyda Martinez-Covarrubias ('12-'14)
Lauren Ann McLaughlin ('09-'11)
Michael Homer Pate Jr. ('12-'14)
Zenaida Ortiz Rogers ('11-'13)

DEATHS

Bill Edward Owen of Milton, Fla., May 13, 2014
L.C. Moore of Alabaster, Ala., May 25, 2014
Corbyn Dylan Maddox of Tupelo, May 25, 2014
Ann Nicole "Nikki" Ray of Pontotoc, June 3, 2014
Marian Marie Preusse Tenkoff of Tupelo, June 16, 2014
Mariel Wayne Mitchell of Belmont, June 23, 2014
Janet Lynn Roberts Venetis of Tupelo, June 23, 2014
Lavader Martille "Marty" Spigner Askew of Tupelo,
June 27, 2014
Anthony Joel Holley of Fulton, June 28, 2014
James "Top" Merritt of Verona, July 13, 2014
Glen Alfred Parker of Corinth, July 15, 2014
(Alumni Board member)
Robert "Bobby" Bowen of Buena Vista, July 18, 2014
Casey Wilson Spradling of Mantachie, July 18, 2014
Mary Alice "Shorty" Grissom of Fulton, July 20, 2014
Wanda Gaye Chaney Terry of New Albany, July 22, 2014
James Edward "Bud" Clement of Tupelo, July 25, 2014
Claire Lynn Mattox of Aberdeen, July 28, 2014
Cornelia Tee Franklin of Shannon, July 28, 2014.
David Gillentine Jr. of Tupelo, July 29, 2014
William Dawson "W.D." Jeffcoat of Murray, Ky.,
August 2, 2014
Deborah Ann "Debbie" Stegall of Pontotoc,
August 25, 2014
Betty Ann Lemmons Hammock of Tupelo,
August 29, 2014
Dr. James Wesley Ramage of Northport, Ala.,
August 30, 2014
Bobby Gene Hannon of Vicksburg, September 2, 2014
Bobby J. "Bob" Earnest of Tupelo, September 3, 2014
Kermet Newell of Ozark, September 6, 2014
James Dalton Cody Rice of Tupelo, September 16, 2014
Dotsy Norwood Williamson of Eupora (Athletic Hall
of Fame inductee, 1993), September 18, 2014
Mickey Lane Davis of Hamilton, September 21, 2014
Eph Wade "Peter Wade" Bivens of Tupelo,
September 24, 2014
Robert Alan Mize of Aberdeen, October 3, 2014
Jimmy Ray "Jim" Chism of New Albany, October 3, 2014
Luzerne Wheeler of Fulton (graduate of first IJC
class), October 4, 2014
Mary Lynn Smith Oglesby of Poplar Springs (Blue
Springs), October 17, 2014.

Alumni membership information

Send your updated biographical information (recent personal or professional accomplishments) and new contact information (email addresses and telephone numbers) to alumni@iccms.edu or Itawamba Community College, 602 West Hill Street, Fulton, Mississippi 38843, or call 662.862.8074.

Teresa Ann Miller of Okolona, October 18, 2014.
 William G. "Bitsy" Payne of Wren, October 20, 2014.
 Brenda G. Mabus of Amory, October 20, 2014
 Don Whitlock Sr. of Okolona, October 21, 2014
 Roberta Lynne Johnson Nabors of New Albany,
 October 23, 2014.
 Cyndal Cleveland of Mantachie, October 23, 2014
 Timothy Franklin "Tim" Sides of Blue Springs,
 October 26, 2014
 Leslie Ruth Rather of Fulton, October 28, 2014
 Twila Frances Brown of Fulton, October 28, 2014
 Ephram Carroll Carpenter of Amory,
 October 29, 2014

WEDDINGS

Elizabeth Grace Soden and Parker Delaine Smith of
 Houlka, April 19, 2014
Katelyn Petre and Zack Boren, May 24, 2014
Candace Nicole George and **Michael Steven Davis**,
 May 31, 2014
Emily Grace McCollum and Joshua Caleb
 Summerford, May 31, 2014
Hannah Marie McKissick and Stanley Brandon Locke,
 May 31, 2014
Rachel "Magan" Wilburn and **Jacob Michael Beasley**,
 May 31, 2014
Emily Rea Williams and **Caleb Leon Young**,
 June 7, 2014
Kayla Prenzlowl and **Gary Beadles**, June 7, 2014
Taylor Reese Brasfield and **Austin Riley Stanfield**,
 June 14, 2014
Allison Lynn Bennett and **Bradley Carl Jett**,
 June 14, 2014
Amanda Michelle Rogers and **Adam Zachary**,
 June 14, 2014
Andrea Delane Davis and **Justin Allen Osbirn**,
 June 21, 2014
Chelsea West and **Corey Rogers**, June 28, 2014
Shualena Michelle Tramel and **William Robertson**,
 June 28, 2014
Olivia Leigh Fancher and **Matthew Tyler Nunnelee**,
 August 2, 2014
Megan Brooke Murphy and **Thomas Jerrod Hester**,
 August 2, 2014
Savannah Paige Carter and **Nathan Dennis Clayton**,
 August 2, 2014
Cassandra Beth Payne and **Austin Scott Davis**,
 August 2, 2014
Laura Catherine Horn and **Justin Tyler Jones**,
 August 9, 2014

Lauren Elizabeth Cherry and **Robert Russell Dendy**,
 August 9, 2014
Lacey Dawn Woodruff and **Timothy Alan Nichols**,
 August 23, 2014
Bethany Melson and **Preston Ritch**,
 September 6, 2014
Lacie Nan McKnight and **Bruce Browning**,
 September 12, 2014
Blakely Elizabeth Stone and **Matthew Ryan Lewis**,
 September 20, 2014
Beth Saxon of Ardmore, Ala. and **Dustin Brunkley**,
 September 20, 2014
Kayla Rose Carpenter and **Andrew Thomas McCarley**,
 September 20, 2014
Laura Ellen Terry and **Brenan Gregory Haynes**,
 September 27, 2014.
Brittany Lauren Watson and **Nathan Cole Rushing**,
 September 27, 2014.
Ashley Danielle Harmon and **Brandon James Bagett**,
 September 27, 2014
Nicole Weatherford and **B.J. Johnson**,
 September 27, 2014
Ashley Lauren Berryhill and **Justin Lane Self**,
 October 4, 2014
Hillary Lynn McFerrin and **Shawn Patrick Clayton**,
 October 4, 2014
Laken LaSha Donahue and **Christopher Garret Jones**,
 October 11, 2014
Memory Taylor Blaine Myhre and **Cody Dean Putt**,
 October 11, 2014
Carlie Lane Cagle and **Tyler Keith Stanford**,
 October 11, 2014
Lindsey Lee Ann Pharr and **Travis Kyle (TK)**
Hollingsworth, October 18, 2014
Morgan Lynnice Cooper and **Joseph "Joey" Carl**
Baird, October 25, 2014
Jessica Nicole Hinds and **Clinton Burbank Pomeroy**
Jr., October 25, 2014
Emily Alene Davis and **John Craig Griffith**,
 October 25, 2014



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 in 2015**



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From top, Jim Ingram and Dr. Jan Reid-Bunch present Howard Wilson with a Walk of Memories brick; Jim Ingram, Dr. Jan Reid-Bunch and Harold Plunkett receive \$25,000 E.R. Carpenter Grant from Al Servati; Jim Ingram awards runners from PACE 5K; Marty Cooper, Director of the PACE program presents Jim Ingram and Dr. Jan Reid-Bunch with check for \$6,000.

Itawamba Community College provides an unparalleled opportunity for men and women, young and older to obtain a degree in a vocational, technical, or health-related field or to gain a basic education in preparation for senior college. ICC has made it possible for thousands of North Mississippi students to gain a higher education. I am one of those students. As a young wife and mother of four small children, I entered classes at IJC Fulton Campus in the fall of 1969. Non-traditional students were less common 45 years ago than today as their enrollment is now encouraged through providing multiple campuses, expanded curriculum and online classes.



It is my honor to have been elected in 2014 to serve as president of the ICC Foundation for the coming year. The ICC Foundation is charged with raising funds to be used for scholarships, for capital improvements and to meet other needs of students and the College. We have plans for several exciting fundraising activities. I look forward to serving with the other dedicated members of the Foundation Board and the ICC leadership as we seek to ensure the continuing availability of scholarships for deserving students. All financial contributions to the ICC Foundation can be considered as an investment in the future of Mississippi. Let's make this the best fundraising year yet!

Teresa Hooker,
Foundation President



2014 has been an exciting and busy year for the Foundation from our Foundation Board meetings, our first Tanglefoot Trail Bike Ride, awarding Foundation scholarships to outstanding ICC students, and stipend money to our outstanding faculty and staff, participating in our annual football Tailgate event, Homecoming activities that reached all ages of ICC alumni and friends and other events and activities on campus at your school.

A special thanks to Marty Cooper, Jennifer Cooper and the PACE students who participated in our PACE/Foundation Run at Homecoming which raised money for the Diabetes Association and the Itawamba Community College Foundation.

Thank you again for your continued support of Itawamba Community College and the Foundation. Because of your generosity, the students of the future can benefit from scholarships, programs, and services of the College. As always, we welcome your visits, calls, comments, suggestions and ideas as we continue our quest to make ICC'S Foundation the best.

We hope you have a safe and healthy Holiday Season!

Jim Ingram, Director
ICC Foundation

Bowens gives back to ICC with scholarship endowment



Former defensive tackle who played 11 seasons for the Miami Dolphins and Itawamba Community College alumnus Tim Bowens is giving back to students at two of his alma maters.

Bowens has endowed a scholarship that will be presented to an Okolona High School graduate to

attend ICC, beginning with the fall of 2015.

"Tim is ICC's first former professional athlete to step forward and to give back, and he is setting a great example," said ICC President Mike Eaton, who was also Bowens' coach. "We appreciate his kindness and generosity."

In 2004, Bowens retired from the Dolphins, who selected him as the 20th pick in the first round in 1994. His career highlights and awards

include two-time Pro Bowl selection (1998, 2002) and NFL Defensive Rookie of the Year and All Pro honors in 1994.

Bowens earned All-State and All-District honors at Okolona High School, and as a senior, he led the Chieftains to the Class AA semifinals and an 11-2 record. He also lettered in basketball.

At ICC, where he played in 1991 and 1992, he was an NJCAA All-American and two-time MACJC All-State selection. He transferred to Ole Miss where he was a standout for one season with the Rebels before embarking on his NFL career which included more than 400 stops at his defensive tackle position. He was inducted into ICC's Athletic Hall of Fame in 2010, the first such honor for him.

"ICC is where it all began for me," Bowens said in an earlier interview. "It's where I became a man and I appreciate that."

Criteria for Tim Bowens Endowed Scholarship for Excellence include in addition to a graduate of Okolona High School, a minimum of a 2.0 grade point average. The award, which will be based on financial need with a preference given to OHS athletes, will be for a maximum of four semesters.

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Victory for the WorkKeys



Itawamba Community College is the largest WorkKeys assessor in the state, according to statistics released recently by the Mississippi Community College Board.

As a result of WorkKeys testing, ICC awarded 2,743 Career Readiness Certificates from July 2013-June 2014, more than double the number by the community college which placed second.

WorkKeys is a job skills assessment system that helps employers select, hire, train, develop and retain a high-performance workforce, according to ACT, which has developed the test. It measures foundational and soft skills and offers specialized assessments to target institutional needs. ACT's WorkKeys has helped millions of people build their skills to increase global competitiveness and develop successful career pathways. Applied mathematics, locating information and reading for information form the basis of the ACT National Career Readiness Certificate.™ Levels of certificates include platinum, gold, silver and bronze.

"Employers in our region have come to value the assessment as part of the employment process," said James Williams, vice president of Economic and Community Services, whose division is responsible for administration of the WorkKeys.

ACT WorkKeys test questions are based on situations in the everyday work world. The score, which is determined by the number of questions that are answered correctly, provides an opportunity for the test taker to compare Level Scores for those skills to compare to the levels required for the job.

"Itawamba Community College is committed to providing the services needed to equip both the workforce of the present as well as those for generations to come," said President Mike Eaton. "The awarding of a significant number of Career Readiness Certificates through WorkKeys testing and recognition as a leader statewide are an indication that our focus is on target. It is our mission to ensure a better future for all of us in Northeast Mississippi."



Hagan receives ICC's Mississippi Humanities Council Teacher award

Dr. Janae Ferguson Hagan of Saltillo has been selected as the recipient of Itawamba Community College's Mississippi Humanities Council Teacher award.

She presented "Moving from Good to Great. Where Does Great Performance Come From?" Oct. 27 at the Health Science Education Center auditorium at the Tupelo Campus.

A native of Bruce, Hagan, who is a psychology instructor, began working at ICC in August 2004 and has been employed full-time since January 2005. Previously she served as adjunct psychology instructor at Alabama Southern Community College and speech pathologist for Wilcox

(Ala.) School and Saltillo Elementary.

She earned the associate's degree from ICC, the bachelor's degree from Mississippi University for Women and both the master's and doctorate degrees from Mississippi State University. Her activities and awards include the NISOD Excellence in teaching, MidSouth Community College Fellowship Program, Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society Advisor for almost 10 years and a member of the ICC Honors Council and the Faculty Association (secretary for two years) and the American Psychological Association. Hagan is also a member of the Saltillo First Baptist Church. She and her husband, Drew, are the parents of one daughter, Juliana.

Colburn named Music Educator Award™ quarterfinalist

Christy Colburn of Amory, associate band director and woodwind instructor at Itawamba Community College, has been named a quarterfinalist for the Music Educator Award™ presented by The Recording Academy® and the GRAMMY Foundation®.

She is among 222 music teachers from 208 cities across 41 states to be selected as a quarterfinalist. In total, more than 7,000 initial nominations were submitted from all 50 states.

The Music Educator Award was established to recognize current educators who have made a significant and lasting contribution to the field of music education and who demonstrate a commitment to the broader cause of maintaining music education in the schools. It will be presented at the Special Merit Awards Ceremony honoring recipients of the Lifetime Achievement Award, Trustees Award and Technical GRAMMY® Award during GRAMMY Week 2015.

Colburn is currently in her fifteenth year as a music educator. Her responsibilities at ICC include conducting the concert band, instructor/choreographer for the marching color guard, woodwind studio for music majors, woodwind

ensembles, co-director for CenterStage and music appreciation. A graduate of Aberdeen High School, Colburn earned the associate's degree from ICC and both the bachelor's and master's degrees from the University of Mississippi. Previously she served as assistant band director at South Panola and Tupelo. Her professional memberships include

Northeast Mississippi Junior High Band Directors Association, Northeast Mississippi Band Directors Association, Mississippi Bandmasters Association, the North American Saxophone Alliance, Women Band Directors International, Mississippi Indoor Association, Southeastern Color Guard Circuit and Winter Guard International. Colburn is also a lifetime member of Tau Beta Sigma. She and her husband, Jeff, who is an assistant band director at Amory, have three children, Claudia, 17; Ada Claire, 9; and Reason, 8.



Faculty members participate in Lamplighter Conference



Four Itawamba Community College faculty members participated in the Lamplighter Conference, Sept. 23-25, at Coahoma Community College.

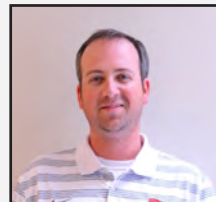
They include Anna Britt-Begnaud of Tupelo, Writing Center director; Denise Gillespie of Tupelo, eLearning

and Dual Credit coordinator; Clay McNutt of Mooreville, Electrical Technology instructor; and Britney Whitley of Booneville, Health Science advisor.

Britt-Begnaud joined the ICC staff in 2010 as academic adviser and has served in her current position since 2011. Her educational background includes the bachelor's degree from Lipscomb University and the master's degree from the University of Alabama. She serves as vice chair of the Mississippi Writing Centers Association, chair of the Honors Council and member of the Annual Planning and Assessment committee at ICC, All-USA Scholarship nominator, a member of the UM Transitioning Writing Symposium committee, two-year college representative for the International Writing Centers Association and two-year-old class teacher at West Main Church of Christ. Britt-Begnaud's memberships include Mississippi Writing Centers Association, Two-Year College Association Mississippi Chapter and Sigma Tau Delta, English Honor Society. She is married to Jonathan Begnaud.

A native of Booneville, Gillespie earned the associate's degree from Northeast Mississippi Community College and both the bachelor's and master's degrees from the University of Mississippi. Her

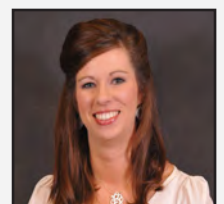
previous employment includes advertising sales with the **Northeast Mississippi Daily Journal** and industrial services specialist at Northeast Mississippi Community College. She joined the ICC staff in December 2001 and has served as WIA performance coordinator, workforce project manager and workforce director. She is a graduate of ICC's Leadership Development Institute, the Jim Ingram Community Leadership Institute through CDF and CREATE and the Mississippi Community College Leadership Academy. She is married to Grant Gillespie.



McNutt, who has been a member of the ICC staff since 2009, earned the associate's degree in Electrical Technology at ICC. He is currently working toward the bachelor's degree in Industrial Technology at Mississippi State University. McNutt is a Rockwell Automation Certified Programmer and a Mississippi Licensed Electrician.

Whitley joined the ICC staff in September 2010 as the Health Science administrative assistant. She earned the bachelor's degree from Mississippi State University and is currently enrolled in the master's program in Higher Education at the University of Mississippi. Whitley is a member of the First Baptist Church of Booneville. Her honors include ICC's Support Person of the Year in 2012.

The Lamplighter conference is sponsored annually by the Mississippi Community College Academic Deans Association to honor top college instructors, who demonstrate excellence in instruction and a commitment to learning and teaching.



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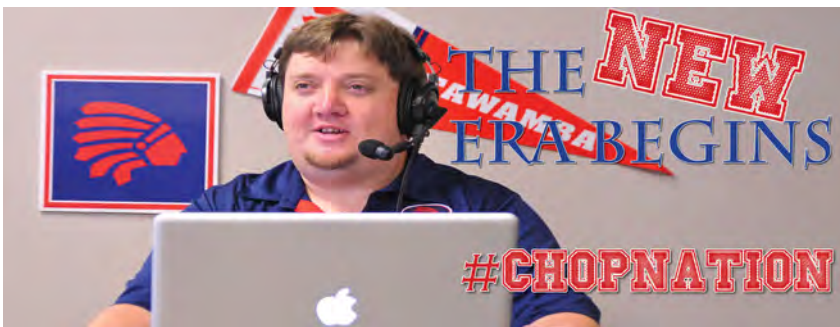


FORMER INDIAN ACHIEVES LIFELONG DREAM OVERSEAS

Former Indian Quintin Lee achieved a lifelong dream when he signed his first professional basketball contract to play in the Jordan Basketball Federation for the Ghazit Hasim Club of Amman, Jordan in October.

The Ripley, Tenn. native averaged 10.7 points, 4.1 assists and 3.5 rebounds per game while shooting 47.7 percent from the floor and connecting on 40 percent of his three-point attempts to earn a spot on the MACJC North All-Star team in his final season in Fulton.

Lee continued his basketball career at Southern Arkansas University where he averaged 12 points, 6 assists, 3 rebounds and 2.2 assists per game in one season before a short stint in the American Basketball League where he averaged 18 points, 5.7 assists, 3.1 rebounds, 2.6 steals and 1.2 blocked per game with the Vero Beach Stampede.



Adam Gore, who is beginning his fifth year at Itawamba Community College, has been named Director of Sports Information.

Prior to his joining the ICC staff, Gore had 15 years' experience in television. In addition, he operated goresports.net for 10 years. "That's what catapulted me into this (profession)," Gore said of the website, which was one of the top in the southeastern US dedicated to high school, junior college and collegiate coverage. He has served in a free-lance capacity with Fox Sports South, Fox Sports Southwest, CSS, ESPN, ESPN2 and CBS Sports. He has won more than 100 awards during his career. Gore has degrees from both Itawamba Community College and Northwest Mississippi Community College and is working toward a bachelor's degree in sports marketing and business.

In his previous role as Assistant Director of Sports Information, Gore was responsible for news releases; maintaining ICC's athletic website, LetsGoICC.com; video; operations and play-by-play. He said that he will continue to fill these duties in an expanded capacity.



Women's basketball coach Nanci Gray reached a career milestone by earning her 600th win as a head coach when the Lady Indians upset No. 17 Shelton State Community College, 84-66, in early November.

"It's a great milestone," said Gray. "God has really blessed me so much with great players and great assistant coaches over all the years I've been coaching."

Gray led the Lady Indians to the 2008 and 2012 MACJC Championships and earned a spot in the 2013 NJCAA National Tournament after winning the NJCAA Region 23 Championship.



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